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"Fall 1903" 1968CL

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AUSTRIA-HUNGARY COMPLETELY OVERRUN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY COMPLETELY OVERRUN

In the "Spring 1903" moves the French move A Par-Bur should have been underlined.

Following "Spring 1903" moves France retreated F Mid-Iri. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Grayson): A Pic-Bre; F Eng S A Pic-Bre; F North Atlantic-Mid; F Kie-Hol; F Bel-Hol; F Den S RUSSIAN F Swe-Bal.

ENGLAND (Schelz): No moves received. F Eng & F Edi hold; A Liv dislodged and annihilated.

FRANCE (Clark): A Ber S GERMAN A Ruh-Kie; A Par-Bre; F Mid S A Par-Bre; A Bur-Par; A Pic-Mar; F Wes S F Mid.

FRANCE (Ward): F Iri-Liv; F North Atlantic S F Iri-Liv; A Spa-Par; A Pic-Bre; A Mar-Spa.

GERMANY (Reiter): A Mun-Per; A Ruh-Bur.

GERMANY (H. Anderson): F North Sea S RUSSIAN F Norway-Norwegian Sea; F Bel-Eng; A Ruh-Bel; F Len S F North Sea; A Mun S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh.

ITALY (Prosnitz): F Tun-Wes; F Ion-Alb; A Tri-Vie; A Tyr S A Tri-Vie; A Ven-Tri.

ITALY (Combar): F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Mid S F Wes-Spa(s.c.); A Tyr-Pic; A Ven-Tru; A Bud S TURKISH A Vie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Birsan): A Ser-Tri; A Alb & A Vie S A Ser-Tri; A Bud-Rum.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McLeod): F Tri-Ven; A Boh S RUSSIAN A Gal.

RUSSIA (Rytwerk): A St.P Holds; A Rum-Bud; A Gal S A Rum-Bud; A Sev-Rum; F Bla S A Sev-Rum; F Swe-Bal; A Norway-Swe.

RUSSIA (Manegg): F Norway-Norwegian Sea; A Gal holds; A War & A Ukr S A Gal; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (Ver Floeg): A Bul-Ser; A Gre S A Bul-Ser; F Con-Aeg; F Aeg-Eas.

TURKEY (Moshara): A Vie S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Boh; A Rum & F Sev hold; A Arm S F Sev; A Bul S A Rum; A Ser S ITALIAN A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Tyr; F Aeg-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian armies in Serbia and Budapest are annihilated; the other army retreats Vie-Boh. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon. (8)

FRANCE: Ber, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (5)

GERMANY: Mun. (1)

ITALY: Nar, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (6)

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Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian army in Trieste is forced to retreat. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi. (1)

FRANCE: Bre, Liv, Mar, Par, Por. (5)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol; Kie, Lon, Mun. (7)

ITALY: Bud, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (7)

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## GERMANS TURN EASTERN ALLIANCE'S RIGHT FLANK

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"Spring 1920"

GERMANY (M. Miller): F Bel-North Sea; A Pru-Liv; F Bot S A Pru-Liv; A St.P-Mos; A Sil-War; A ~~Ger~~-Pru; A ~~Kie~~-Den; A ~~Ruh~~-Kie; A Rur holds; A Hun not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Clark): F Bre-Mid; A Ven-Tyr; A Pio S A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; A Tus S A Rom-Ven; F Ion-Alb; F Adr S F Ion-Alb; F Tun-Ion; F Tyr & F Nap S F Tun-Ion.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A War-Sil; A Liv-War; A Sev.holds.

TURKEY (Boshara): A Gal S RUSSIAN A War-Sil; A Ukr S RUSSIAN A Liv-War; A Tyr-Boh; A Vie S A Tyr-Boh; A Tri S GERMAN A Hun-Tyr; A Ser S A Tri; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg & F Alb S F Eas-Ion; F Gre S F Alb.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreat A Sil-Ber. The deadline for "Fall 1920" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 APRIL 1969, but if they all come in earlier, they will be adjudicated and sent out by carbon copy, and a new deadline will be set.

## THE ONCE AND FUTURE CONTESTS

Only four people entered the "John Wilkes Booth Look-Alike Contest" for matching assassins with their victims. (For the contest see GRAUSTARK #176; for the results see #180.) The three winners, with the number of correct answers, are:

1. David Johnstone, 8.
2. Donald Berman, 7.
3. Jerry White, 7.

All three will be entered free of charge in a new GRAUSTARK game along with Bruce Gletty, winner of the pseudonyms contest. Johnstone may select the country he wishes to play.

Of the assassins listed, Johnstone failed to identify only La Chapelle and Villain. White missed those two and Kalyayev, while Berman got everyone except La Chapelle, Plinetta, and Kalyayev. It is ironic that the assassinations which everyone identified were of heads of state (except for Villiers', which is familiar to all readers of The 3 Musketeers, though that novel does present a most unlikely picture of Felton). The assassinations of Jaurès and Darlan - both, incidentally, perpetrated by fanatical conservatives - did not make such a splash, though both were important.

Villiers was assassinated in Portsmouth, not in London as was stated in #180.

Bill Linden has submitted another contest, which is hereby presented to readers of GRAUSTARK. This contest is based on the King Arthur legend, presumably on the Malory version thereof. The winner will be given a free entry into the new game.

1. Who were Calahantine and Galihodin?
2. Within the structure of Malory's Morte d'Arthur, what is the importance of Lancelot?
3. Name the sons of Cataine.
4. What knight of the Round Table bears a name from human anatomy?
5. Who had a mantle trimmed with the beards of kings?
6. Who were Percard, Pertolepe, Perimones, and Perseant?
7. What were the arms of (Hiss! Boo!) Hordred?
8. Who was Sir Crummore Crummersum?
9. Who was the wife of Agravaire?
10. What knight of the Round Table is called "Son of God?"

1968G

MERLIN CREATES NEW FLEET

This is

"Does it matter? Attack France. Attack Turkey. Attack Russia. Attack the Moon! What do We care? It's Armageddon, it's Götterdämmerung, it's Fimbulwinter, wheeeeeeeeee! Let's take everyone with us. Attack! Attack! Attackattackattackattackattackattackattackheheheheattackattackhehehehehehehehehehehehehehehehe...."

O At  
P Great  
E Intervals  
R This  
A Appears  
T To  
I Inflame.  
O Optic  
N Nerves

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PARIS: Don Juan was much put out that non-descript (anyone who can't have an affair is a non-descript) Haon. "I gave him the ondechana then he and his pain in the (censored) p m can go jump into Pellutidar or any other sewer hole.

• KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR: In response to a question raised in the Representative Diet, His Imperial Majesty, Honj the Horny, Emperor of Pollutidar, said that there is a tunnel from the Inner Crust to the Outer Crust which emerges in the region known as 'Argentina'. "At one time " he told the delegates of the races of Pollutidar, "it was considered necessary to mount an invasion through this tunnel against Queen Elizabeth of Bolivia. However, the collapse of her government rendered this unnecessary."

Concerning accusations, that he was born on the Outer Crust, the Emperor replied; "Birth records alleging me to have been born in Hernia are false. For one thing, the role of the male in conception was only discovered in 1947 in Hernia, by the scientist Konrad LummoX. Furthermore, according to a decision of the Synod of Gfy in 399 AD, no Hernian priest may be literate. I am, as you know, the scion of His Late Inferial Majesty Arruth the Antlery and the Mezop Princess Jawohl of Et-nomle."

1968CH

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"Winter 1903"

FRANCE (Berman): Builds A Par.  
ITALY (White): Builds A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Kuch): Builds A Vie.  
RUSSIA (C. Johnson): Builds F St.P  
(n.c.).

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 APRIL 1969. Press releases begin on p. 9.

1968G

"Winter 1909"

ENGLAND (Walker): Builds F Lon. TURKEY (Lebling): Builds A Con.  
RUSSIA (Prosnitz): Builds A Mos.

The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 APRIL 1969. Press releases are printed on p. 3.

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RUSSIA: Mos, Nor, St.P, Swe, War. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Sev, Smy, Tri, Vie. (9)

Germany and Italy may build two new units, and Turkey may build one. England must remove one unit. Since there are no Austro-Hungarian supply centers left, all Austro-Hungarian units are removed. Since the player of England missed a move, Jim Sanders, the first stand-by, is called upon to submit a "Winter 1903" removal for England. In the absence of John Beshara from the country, Don Berman is temporarily in control of Turkey, as explained in GRAUSTARK #180. The deadline for "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 APRIL 1969.

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RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Nor, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Ser, Smy. (6)

England and Turkey may each build two new units, and Italy and Russia may each build one. Germany and France must each remove one unit. Since no Austro-Hungarian supply centers are left, all Austro-Hungarian units are removed. The deadline for "Winter 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 19 APRIL 1969.

CONSTANTINOPLE (30 Dec. 1902, SPP): The entire Turkish village of Hadben Thair was today executed for suggesting that if Sultan Tuk were to journey abroad without his bodyguards the entire Turkish army would probably follow him with a vengeance. Usually informed sources hinted that this was not precisely the type of suggestion the Sultan had envisioned.

CONSTANTINOPLE (15 Mar. 1903, SPP): Our beloved Sultan Yuk today issued his first set of official orders to the remains of the purge-decimated Turkish Forces. Career soldiers, however, were rumored to be slightly disenchanted with the orders to the regular army, which merely read: "LEAVE - LAST OPPORTUNITY BEFORE YOU ARE MADE TO RESEMBLE A STEAMING COWPIE!" (Turkish forces again, it is not apparent, will attempt to flee their homeland, but since Turkish forces to the West are presently so jaded with indolence to bother with movement, they may again fail.)

The Sultan did, however, issue some more specific orders, upon which he commented in his most recent press conference. "I have," he murmured through the affectionate fondling of several concubines, "today ordered 26 of my most proficient man-killers to Hydunderabad to avenge the wanton raid that nation made on the offices of the Sultan's Puppet Press this past winter. Absolutely no censorship will be tolerated by this regime; unless, naturally, it is wise and expedient and Yukkish in concept to do so."

(Earlier press releases appear on p. 10)

WIP DUPLIC IT 2000

TOM McCALLUM, "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta: Your list of real names of people who are better known by a name acquired later can be readily extended: Eric Blair, Josip Broz, Samuel Clemens, J. V. Djugashvili, Charles Dodgson, Ted Johnstone, Joseph Korzeniowski, H. H. Munro, "U. S. Norway, William Strutt, Vladimir Ulyanov. Most are better known than those on your list so that the guessing average would be higher, I suppose.

((Yes, but "Ted Johnstone" is the pseudonym, and his real name is something quite different. Much to my disgrace, I got all of these right except William Strutt.))

If there is a tie on your contest how about the following for a tie-breaker, as it continues to be about names: During the First World War, on which our game is based, all the English-speaking countries were on the Allied side. Yet a commander in chief of the armies of one of the Central Powers had an English name. Who was he, and how did it happen?

HARRY MANOGG, P. O. Box 769, Kankakee, Ill. 60901: Just before I sat down to write this cleaned and loaded by new Browning Automatic Pistol, it is best to be ready in case I get drafted to teach at the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois, or Berkeley; etc. Of course I could get rid of my guns, but a strong distaste for shit-eating seems to run in my family. "Keep the Second Amendment - the life I save may be yours."

((One of the characters in Mikhail Bulgakov's novel The Master and Marguerita is a black cat who is a dead shot with a Browning Automatic. What one cat can do, another cat - say, one of yours - can also do.))

...I don't want to get in bad with the Gamesmaster by saying that a certain quatrain about a certain ELBERETH ((in GRAUSTARK #177)) was in bad taste, but two nights ago a rather stocky man with a tremendous axe stopped by to ask your address, and just now when I answered the door there was an old, gray-bearded man with a rather large sword making the same enquiry.

BILL LINDEN, 83-33 Austin St., Kew Gardens, N. Y. 11415: I notice certain Californians are making a big fuss over their fair (ugh!) state, in a condition of euphoria induced by the 400th anniversary. Why, even Nixon had enough sense to move from California to New York. ((And even Batista had enough sense to move from Cuba to Portugal.)) And as for beautiful downtown San Diego, any advantages it may have are somewhat cancelled out by its affliction with Herbert Marcuse. (You hear that, Puericelli?) I'm not afraid of bombs in the mail; 200-megaton peas don't explode very well.

I also hear that a New Jersey Imperialist Army is planning to invade Staten Island. ((It's also known as the "Stat Cong".)) The impudence! As if it wasn't enough that we have to put up with their sulphur dioxide!

...A point in Bourbon affairs you missed is that Don Jaime has a kind of split personality, claiming both the legitimist and Carlist successions. (He assumes the traditional Carlist title, Duke of Madrid.) He bases this on an alleged statement by the daughter of "Carlos VII", relinquishing claims to the main line after the deaths of Carlos VII and Alfonso XIII.

((That's valid in Scottish law, but not in Spanish.))

And there is a faint possibility that France or the Cortes will avoid the decision of rival claims by naming Vice-Premier Minoz Grandes as Regent for a non-existent king, like Admiral Horthy.

You suffer a serious loss of perspective by equating political murder ("assassination") with "revolution". ((Where?)) I would like to see a murder carried out by a "people"! If you concede that a nah has the right to act as judge, jury, law-maker, and executioner, you should not denounce someone else for holding the same opinion. ((Presumably without worrying about whether or not it may be justified.)) (Even if he didn't.) (I have already noted your denunciation of the right of revo-

lution when it is advocated by H. Beam Piper.)

As I understand, revolution is a concerted movement which replaces one political-social system with another. Assassination is an isolated act of vengeance. Killing one man will not avail to change a system. (For this reason I would not condone the murder of Brezhnev or Mao.) Do you think the substitution of Vorster for Verwoerd is an improvement?

As I have repeatedly said, what is assassination if not war on an individual scale? There is something warped in a viewpoint which can justify one, but not the other.

((I quite agree that a viewpoint which justifies war, but not assassination, is warped.))

Anyhow, the "assassination" of Mussolini was certainly an act of (GASP! SHUDDER! ULTIMATE HORROR!) war, and I am surprised to see you defend it.

((Benito Mussolini was assassinated by his fellow-countrymen after the merest sham of a "trial". No initiative on the part of the allied military authorities or any soldiers acting under their command was involved. It can be regarded as virtually a typical case of a justifiable tyrannicide.))

On the "execution" issue: Oh, come off it! If I steal your savings on the excuse that you were using them for evil purposes...does this make it a "tax"? Neither does it turn murder into "execution"?

...16th and lastly, you complain of "anti-Communist bigotry". Communists are hardly noted for tolerance, to say the least. ((Who is the more tolerant South African, the Communist Bram Fischer or the anti-Communist Balthasar Vorster?)) If they are bigoted against me, why shouldn't I be bigoted against them? Said Communists have announced their intention of "burying" me. ((When and where?)) I don't like the idea of being buried.

The most incredible was to come. Sol what's-his-name of Detroit denounces, of all people, De Gaulle as a "Russian puppet"!!!! Will France bomb Michigan? Is Detroit controlled by the Breton Republican Army? Will you read this? Does any of it make sense? Is Kosygin a French puppet? Stay tuned for the next thrill-packed episode of "The Phantom of the Elysee". ((Wha-a-a?))

...."Clearly, the Greeks were so exhausted that they could barely conquer the Persian empire." As I thought I had pointed out, the Hellenity of the Macedonians was dubious. ((If it was good enough for the xenophobes who ran the Olympic games, it's good enough for me.)) At best, they were disreputable country cousins. Besides, barely is the word. Look at the "brilliant" showing they made against the Parthians. And against the Armenians. And against the Bactrians. And against the Celts, who seized Galatia, beat them at Thermopylae in 279, and swept as far as Delphi. And, of course, against the Romans.

Modred did not "throw out" anyone. He succeeded in getting all the leadership of Britain killed, but this is hardly an unqualified success, as he also got himself killed, leaving (which was actually my main point) the pieces to be picked up by the Sinister Monolithic International Saxon Conspiracy.

((Which "conspiracy" includes me, and probably you as well.))

This is getting ridiculous. Since you approve of assassination ((suitably qualified as to target and conditions)) may I assume you applaud that of Garfield by Charles James Guiteau ("Patriot and Christian - His soul is in glory")? Since you defend the SDS "reprisal" against Columbia's student placement office ((see New York Times, 27 Jan. 1969)) which had done nothing to offend them, may I assume you approve of the German "reprisal" against the population of Lidice? (Besides, what did they do that the noble Communists did not do to Dakson?) ((Or the noble anti-Communists to Manquang?)) I also note that you are fond of the same pseudo-reasoning used by Robert Welch to "prove" that everyone and his brother is a Communist.

And since you scorn the idea that the "assassination" of Mussolini had something to do with World War II, do you also think that the Russian Revolution had nothing to do with World War I?

"Is perfunctory as those of the Vehmgerichtshof"? From what little I know of the Vehm, it was pretty un-perfunctory for a system of vigilance committees. It was part of the Imperial system, subject to the Emperor and the Archbishop of Cologne ((so long as their orders agreed with Vehm plans)) and three summons to an accused are hardly "perfunctory". Of course, the Vehm has been discredited through some rash invocations of its name by the Nazis, but this can hardly be accepted as evidence. The Nazis also claimed that God was with them.

...Further footnotes to the Spanish Comedy: You forget still another pretender, the man in Canada who claims to be the son of Alphonso XIII.

All the various Spanish pretenders can put up a claim to the Empire. The East Roman Empire was not ended with the fall of Constantinople in 1453, as Demetrius and Thomas Paleologus continued to rule the Peloponnesus with the titles of

"God is dead..."

Despot. ((Which is merely Greek for "Master".)) In 1460 Demetrius called in the Turks against his brother with predictable results. Andrew, the son of Thomas, escaped and wandered about Europe hawking the purple. ((Hawking was very popular among the gentry in those days.)) Not only that, but he sold it twice, to Charles VII of France and to Ferdinand the Catholic of Aragon. And the pretender of your choice is the heir of Ferdinand. ((And, allowing the Salic Law, the heir of Charles VII as well.))

And now, my country quiz ((from GRAUSTARK #172))...

Semirechinsk was one of the governments joining the All-Russian Provisional Government in 1918. This is presumably Rod's Central Asian Republic.

Verkhneudinsk was one of several Siberian "city republics" set up by the Bolsheviks under the auspices of Krasnoshchekhov, later founder of the Far Eastern

"...But don't worry..."

Republic.

Kilwa: Rod is right, as with Santa Cruz, Mahabad, Seiyun, Mirdita, Palmares, and Maryland. ((See GRAUSTARK #176 and #178.)) The "Republic of Palmares" was actually a monarchy.

The Centrocasian (not Transcasian) Dictatorship - or maybe Directorship - held Baku briefly in 1919. (Hell, who didn't?) I believe this was the government which invited the hapless Dunsterville expedition.

The South-Eastern Union was formed by various Cossack and White groups in the Don-Terek region in 1917 or 1918. It seems to have been aligned with the Central Powers.

Vorarlberg: With the Imperial collapse of 1918, the province unsuccessfully sought admission into the Swiss Confederation. (Austria as we know it did not exist then.)

The Lokot "Republic" in Byelorussia was proclaimed during the Second World

"...Mary's pregnant again!"

War. The Lokoters reportedly bribed the Germans to let them alone, and fought off a "rescuing" Red Army detachment.

Dadra is a city in Western India. Town, rather. It is a centrally administered territory which may be found in the Statesman's Yearbook. Until 1954 Dadra and Nagar Haveli formed an enclave of Damao, itself an enclave of Portuguese India, entirely surrounded by India. In July the enclave was seized by Indian "nationalist volunteers" ((I think the words you want are "outside agitators")) but India did not formally take over the administration until 1960, so I suppose it was nominally independent in the mean time.

Euzkadi proclaimed its independence ((in the Basque provinces)) during the Spanish civil war, and fell in 1937.



Manavadar was a no-account, minuscule princely state in India near Junagadh (or Hyderabad, I am not sure which). It was one of the four states which had not acceded to India or Pakistan by Dominion Day, thus enjoying a brief independence. The other three were Hyderabad, Jammu & Kashmir, and a similar overgrown estate named Mangrol.

((It's my understanding that the Maharajah of Jammu & Kashmir acceded to India but that Pakistan refused to recognize the act, leading to the present impasse. Hyderabad attempted to go it alone, but it became a base of bandit operations against India, which surrounded it on all sides. Since the Moslem ruler had refused to accede, and since his subjects were about 85% Hindu, the Indian government put an end to the farce shortly after Dominion Day.

("Hydunderabad", which has appeared in the press releases for 1965Q and 1968QI, was created by Al Capp for the comic strip Abbie and Slats as a scene for the sometime adventures of Bathless Groggins.))

The State of Maïndomba was proclaimed during the civil war in the northern Leopoldville province of the Congo.

Alash Orda soon split into factions, due to the location of its government in several cities. I believe Rod's East Kazakh Republic was one of these factions.

Mountaineers' Republic: In full, Islamic Republic of the Mountaineers of Dagh-estan, a north Caucasian state 1918-1919.

Tellguria is not a misprint. It was one of numerous client republics set up by the French, and as usual they used a Latinate form.

...Charles Wells: press release ((in GRAUSTARK #178)) like mine ((in #173)) is in Volapük. It says: "England, your secret is known!" Although that should be "O Nelij!"

...On Malory: Your viewpoint would be more convincing - much more convincing - if you could demonstrate that his sympathies are in fact with Breuse Saunce Pite, Turquine, Mark, et al, whereas they have BAD GUYS written all over them. ((I don't recall that Lancelot, Gawaine, and the gang are models of rectitude.)) Little is known of Malory, and it is doubted that he was the same as the rapist you display such glee over.

To place the flourishing, until ~~suppressed~~, for the benefit of Do's Pineapple, Kingdom of Hawaii on the same plane with Beaver Island shows your usual want of proportion. Especially since it implies condonement of the IMPERIALISTS who seized Hawaii.

((Both the Kamehamehid dynasty of Hawaii and the Beaver Island kingdom were violently overthrown by men who planned to force their institutions into conformity with, and ultimate annexation to, the United States of America.))

...By what reasoning (?) does Ver Ploeg exclude employees of the government from "the Vietnamese"? As I remarked in another connection, they are assuredly not Hungarians. (The SDS professional exhibitionists at the University are committing the same inanity, asserting that Nguyen Huu Chi is not Vietnamese.

((There were even people willing to claim that Pierre Laval was not French!))

#### 1968J - PRESS RELEASE

ANKARA: The Sultan Mehmed V newly installed by the Young Turks has been overcome by Marquis Ronwe one of the Counts of Hall. The Marquis appeared in the shape of a monster. He provided his adepts with the knowledge of all languages and the ability to gain the goodwill of everyone. He commands nineteen infernal cohorts which have attacked our beloved comrade-in-arms the King of Austria.

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("The Adventures of Secret Agent O-O-Hate" has had its current installment postponed to the next issue owing to a lack of space.)



1968CH - PRESS RELEASES

CHARLESTON (formerly Washington); District of Columbia (12 Feb. 1903): The reconquest of North America is finished, with the British entry into the capital. The former United States Government, such as it was, is in complete collapse, the entire country is occupied by the forces of the Ninefold Kingdom and Mexico. Pigasus Pig was pronounced unfit for human consumption, and was thrown to the lions. It is believed that plans for the government of the new territory will be shortly announced.

CHARLESTON (13 Nov. 1903, Eben Press): It was announced that the lions in the Rock Creek Zoo have all suddenly died of the dreadful Viet Nam Sickness.

WASHINGTON (14 Nov. 1903, URRP): President Pigasus J. Pig was informed today by Secretary of the Inferior Walter Knuckle of an epizootic in the city's zoo. "I'm not surprised to hear that the Viet Nam Sickness has killed the lions," the President remarked. "It was already making the hawks look pretty sick."

HAMBURG (8 Dec. 1903, Reuters): All Germany rejoices as more and more territory comes under the sway of the German National Liberation Front, which has fixed its headquarters in this city. The German National Liberation Front is a revolutionary movement supported by the entire German people, except for a handful of corrupt puppet generals of the Swiss imperialists in Berlin. Many British and French volunteers have come to Germany to join the people's liberation struggle, giving rise to reports in the militarist foreign press that foreign troops had invaded Germany.

PRAHA (15 Dec. 1903, Eben Press): Today Prince Florizel welcomed the brave men of the Imperial Ninefold Navy who have landed on the seacoast of Bohemia. Admiral Eustace Monk pledged that Britain would give all aid to the struggle against the Austro-Hernian imperialists.

LONDON to ST. PETERSBURG: I PROMISE I will move that Army out next Spring.

PARIS to ROME: Thank you.

ZPOD, HERNIA: The government of Hernia, in high dudgeon, wishes to express its dissatisfaction over the unauthorized naming of our national press service the 'Herniated Press'.

The government feels that this disservice to our service was the work of agents of Trypheme, masquerading as lackeys of Don Alduc of San Guin, mortal enemies of the Hernian People. Don Alduc, of course, as well as being in the employ of the infamous Sir Occo, is bound by sinister ties to the Antrum of Highmore, hereditary ruler of Clan McLeod. The real name of our news agency is derived from our practice of tying messages to the back parts of goats, and speeding them on their way with a swift kick. Because of our use of goats, the correct name is the 'Gruff Press'. We also publish dirty books.

CASTRITIS (2 Feb. 1903): His Celestial Majesty King Pandemonium V addressed the Colon today, thus dispelling rumors being circulated in the subversive Brooklyn press that Poderkagg had been conquered by the English Balkan armies which, up until recently, had been incarcerated in the basement of Zpod Cathedral. "Early last month," said His Majesty, "these unwelcome invaders were turned over to a certain 'Skrtch the Lousy One', who is Minister of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement for some little country or other - We could not find it on the map and We cannot recall its name."

FENWICK (15 Feb. 1903): Her Grace the Grand Duchess Gloriana XII today announced, again, that her Government will continue to refuse to recognize "the usurping so-called 'King of England', Carlo Bourbon-Parma." Meanwhile, His Majesty, Edward X, King of England, Scotland, and Ireland and of the Dominions Beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., presently in exile in the Duchy, accepted humbly the reproof of Patriarch Belial VI and requested the aid of the Poderkaggian Army in recapturing his throne.

GASTRITIS (17 Feb. 1903): His Celestial Majesty today ordered the Poderkaggian Navy to attack England. The navy, which normally patrols the River Herpes immediately set sail (literally) for Britain. With favorable winds, it should be there sometime this summer - "or maybe this fall," said Admiral Kill Hawlin, "but one never knows". Thus, the majestic ~~sch sloop brig~~ sailboat, the Cutty Barracle (otherwise known as the

Poderkaggian Navy) made white water, heading for the homeland of the Foe.

CLARION, PA. (25 Mar. 1903, Reuters of Poderkagg): The brilliant counter-attack of the American army, under General Robert E. Walker, having recovered the Old South, New England, and most of the Great Lakes area, has finally resulted in the entire force of the invaders near this small industrial town. A staunch orthodox member of the PAAAAAMAPKCPMBSMHCLDSSDA, General Walker bade his men pray to St. Wapniac! Hew-Thud. Sure enough, the entrapped army was destroyed by a miraculous 620-megaton blueberry. The United States is saved!

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CONSTANTINOPLE (20 Dec. 1902, SPP): Our beloved Sultan Yuk, still incensed over the acts of Turkish soldiery during his sojourn to Tokyo, today commented on his attempts to disband the military. "It seems to do nongood to dress them in appropriate yellow and send them unarmed to war, since they run at the first sign of hostile action anyway. What we really need is some way to keep them from getting away. Accordingly, the treasury is going to allocate \$12.38 for the building of a fleet. Naturally, I regret that this may cause below par materials to be used, but I have received a special rate on material from concubine 146, whose brother runs a papier mache concession. As many of our rebellious, bellicose troops as possible shall be loaded therein, and the fleet shall depart in the next gale. This, it is hoped, will rid Turkey of its warlike elements and allow me to pursue pressing affairs."

The Sultan, accompanied by approximately 30 curvaceous and giggling pressing affairs, then departed for the conference room. If past precedent is any indication, the Sultan's recent bad temper will have been assuaged by the time he emerges. Unfortunately, the troops are already assembling at Smyrna, the construction time required for a Navy of the Sultan's specifications is minimal, and a gale is rapidly approaching.

CONSTANTINOPLE (20 Dec. 1902, SPP): At a celebration held in honor of the great founder, or beloved Sultan Yuk today praised the wisdom of the Almighty Allah-N-Calhm who, in his infinite knowledge, created the Turkish forces in yellow; which, sneered the Sultan, "is a remarkably appropriate color, closely associated with their valor. At least," he concluded, "we don't have to put up with any more this next year. Our only problem now is getting rid of the ones we've got." Before going into conference, the Sultan suggested that the Turkish people themselves offer hints as to possible means to rid the homeland of the domestic threat posed by the military, and promised awards commensurate with the worthiness of the suggestion.

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